Telecast of late night films

1827. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 750 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecast of late night films is going to be resumed by the Doordarshan very soon;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT); (a) and (b) It has been decided in principle to re-start the telecast. However, the date for resumption has not yet been decided.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Urban Development and Urban Water Supply Financing Corporation

1828. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 473 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1933 and state what are the details of Urban Development and Urban Water-Supply Financing Corporation proposed to be set up and to what extent the acute problem of housing and other development schemes are likely to be solved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The details of Urban Development and Urban Water Supply Financial Corporation proposed to be set up have not yet been finalized.

Setting up of Bureau of Indian Standards laboratories

1829. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether a large number of laboratories set up by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have been functioning in the country to ensure quality of products;

(o) if so, the names of place where these laboratories are presently functioning;

(c) whether Government propose to boost the laboratory network of the Bureau and also propose to draw up a long term perspective plan; and

(d) it so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (,a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BIS has Central Laboratory at Sahibabad (Ghaziabad Distt.) and Laboratories at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Mohali (near Chandigarh), Patna and Guwahati.

(c) and (d) During the Seventh Plan, it had been proposed to esta-blisa a laboratory each in Bangalore and Gandhinagar (Gujarat) and to expand the laboratories in Calcutta and Madras. The Plan also envisaged to commence construction of laboratory building at Kanpur. The building for Bangalore laboratory has already been completed and construction of the building at Gandhinagar has commenced. Initial work for expansion at Calcutta and Madras has been taken up. A long-term Perspective Plan is under preparation which will cover the following aspects:—

Cl) Testing needs of the country comprising of consumer products testing, assistance to small scale industries, independent teic facilities required, etc.

(2) Future plan of action relating to establishment of additional BIS laboratories and the tentative estimates of outlay.

(3) Coordination with other laboratories, providing calibration and training services, etc.

Drinking' Water facilities to villages of Allahabad

1830. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(aJ the Tehsil-wise number and names of villages in Allahabad District "in Uttar Pradesh where drinking water facilities have not been provided so far;

(b) the percentage of the persons out of the total population of Allahabad district to whom drinking water facilities have not been" provided so far; and

(c) by when the drinking water facilities are likely to be provided to all the villages of Allahabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As per available report from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, it is anticipated that 591 problem villages in Allahabad district will remain uncovered as on 1.4.1988. In addition, 688 partially covered villages also would be left over for full coverage as on that date. Tehsil-wise coverage of villages and district-wise population coverage is not being monitored at Government of India level.

(c) All uncovered problem villages in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be provided with safe drinking water facilities by March, 1990.

Tndo-Soviet study in Kolar Gold Field region

1831. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint Indo-Soviet geological study in Kolar Gold Field region was conducted some time back which has shown a likelihood of finding more Gold in the Southern extension of this zone; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any Soviet assistance has been sought in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pension scheme for newspaper employees

1832. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a pension 'scheme for newspaper employees submitted by the National Union of Journalists INUJ);

! (b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation in this regard; if so, when; and

(d)' if not, what other action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI .TAGDISH TYTLER); (a) and (b) The National Union of Journalists fias submitted a Note emphasising the need for a pension scheme for Journalists and has given some suggestions in this regard.

(c) and (d) The Finance Minister has stated in his budget speech that Government will be taking appropriate steps in respect of the suggestions for a reasonable pension scheme for working Journalists after consulting all concerned.